I understand the State of Michigan's current financial situation and the need to obtain the SORA Federal grant funding. However, it is possible to make amendments to SB 188 & 189 and still be compliant within the Federal guidelines, while not severely impacting over 45,000 Michigan families.

Please consider the following amendments to SB 188 & 189:

- 1) Remove Employment information from the Public Registry. We want to encourage employment, not destroy it. South Dakota and Florida both are AWA compliant and do not have employment information on the registry. As soon as any employment info was made public, people would lose their job! More families would have to go on state support, more houses would be lost, the long term costs to the state would exceed the short term funding.
- 2) Anyone with no conviction on their record (HYTA and set-asides) should be placed in a non-public Tier I. A court has already ruled that individuals are worthy of having no conviction on their record, yet many will end up in a Tier II (25 year) or III (life) with no opportunity to petition for removal or reduction in Tier level. South Dakota removes HYTA type dispositions and Florida removes set-asides.
- 3) Relocate MCL 750.520c (victim 18 or over) back to non public Tier 1 as originally proposed.
- 4) Remove the Lifetime Registration requirement of Tier 3.

  A retroactive change (Ex Post Facto) to a lifetime registration is unconstitutional.
- 5) Any Offenders that have attended a treatment program and have a 10 year clean record should be placed in Tier 1.
- 6) Remove or modify the requirement to have to report the name and address if not at residence for 7 days. As part of this proposed law, offenders must let law enforcement know the address where they will be staying at if over 7 days. Is the intent here, to harass families on their vacation?

There needs to be a balance of fairness to all Michigan residents, public safety, and constitutionality. 45,000 Michigan families would sincerely appreciate your help in amending this proposed legislation.

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